IN THE SPECIFICATION

Presented below are specification changes showing the changes made.

Please amend paragraph [0050] as follows:

[0050] ~~FIG. 26 is~~ FIGS. 26A and 26B are a flowchart of one embodiment of a method for updating the firmware of a digital camera according to the invention.

Please amend paragraph [0139] as follows:

[0139] The camera firmware can be upgraded via a host computer. For example, alternate firmware versions or improvements can be downloaded from a remote site to the host computer and then downloaded directly to the camera. ~~FIG. 26 is~~ FIGS. 26A and 26B are a flowchart of one embodiment of a series of steps describing camera operation, including the downloading of firmware under various operational conditions.

Please amend paragraph [0141] as follows:

[0141] The camera firmware can be upgraded via a host computer. For example, alternate firmware versions or improvements can be downloaded from a remote site to the host computer and then downloaded directly to the camera. ~~FIG. 26 is~~ FIGS. 26A and 26B are a flowchart of one embodiment of a method 500 of digital camera operation, including the downloading of firmware under various operational conditions. The camera receives normal operating power (step 504) in response to the opening of the lens cover, the pressing of a camera button or the connection of the camera to a host computer. Hardware code (i.e., a bootloader code) is loaded from internal ROM or external camera ROM (step 508). After completion, a determination (step 512) is made as to whether the camera is coupled to a host computer. If a USB connection is not detected, the battery voltage is examined (step 514) to see if it exceeds a threshold voltage level (e.g., 4.2 volts). If the battery voltage exceeds the threshold voltage, the flash memory is examined

(step 516) to determine whether it is valid or corrupted. If the battery voltage does not exceed the threshold voltage, the camera electrical power is reduced (step 522) until a wakeup event occurs so that normal camera power (504) is provided to the camera electronics. If a USB connection is detected in step 512, the camera waits for enumeration (step 510) of the USB communication.